being recommended by the TRAI and whether it is going to be accepted or not. It comes under Question No. 209. If the Chair feels that both the question can be clubbed, then I can answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 206. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I want to know whether there is any timeframe for the GoM to be concluded ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI A. RAJA: Question No. 209 is there. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 206, please. ...(*Interruptions*)...

*206. [The questioner (Shri S. Anbalagan was absent. For answer *vide* page 32]

Central assistance for drinking water in cities

*207. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to provide assistance to ten cities in the country which would undertake to provide drinking water to the population throughout the day and all the seven days in the week, *i.e.* on 24x7 basis;

(b) if so, the names of cities where such projects are proposed to be undertaken and the basis on which central assistance is to be provided; and

(c) by then the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c) There is no such specific proposal for any group of ten cities. However, the Central Government has sanctioned 44 water supply projects in the country at a total approved cost of Rs. 3832.14 crore under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission with the obejctive of providing continuous water supply (24x7) in the areas covered by projects. List of these projects along with names of cities and target date of completion is given in the statement.

Statement

Proposed water supply projects designed as continous system (24x7) *approved under JNNURM* (*as on* 10.03.2008)

Sl. No.	City	Project Name	Approved cost (Rs. in (lakhs)	Date of Approval	Date of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Hyderabad	Providing Inlet and Outlet Main (Water supply Trunk Mains) of North and South Musi river	23222.00	28.01.2008	28.01.2010
2.	Vijayawada	Providing Water Supply facilities in unserved areas	3548.00	27.03.2006	June, 08
3.	Vishakhapatnam	Providing water supply distribution system to Gajuwaka area of GVMC (Phase II)	4600.00	07.09.2007	March, 09

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Vishakhapatnam	Augmentation of Drinking Water Supply to the 32 peripheral areas of GVMC	24074.00	28.12.2007	Dec., 10
5.	Chandigarh	Upgradation of water supply infrastructures for proper monitoring and automation with remote computerized surveillance system to 24x7 water supply	2026.00	25.08.2006	Dec., 08
6.	Surat	Water Supply Project for Vesu Urban Settlement of Surat Urban Development Authority	1919.00	10.05.2006	Jan., 08
7.	Surat	Water Supply Project for Pal-Palanpur Area	995.00	10.05.2006	March, 08
8.	Srinagar	Water Supply Scheme for Tangnar (Srinagar)	14837.00	23.11.2007	23.11.2010
9.	Bangalore	Bulk flow metering system for Bangalore water transmission network	1531.00	08.12.2006	Dec., 08
10.	Mysore	Remodelling of Water Supply Distribution Network for Mysore city	19454.00		Aug., 10
11.	Cochin	Water Supply System to Kochi Part I	20117.00	22.02.2007	To be completed within the Mission Period (2005-2012)
12.	Thiruvananthapuram	Improvement of Water Supply	8716.00	26.03.2007	To be completed within the Mission Period (2005-2012)
13.	Bhopal	Water Supply to Gas affected areas	1418.00	21.03.2006	March, 08
14.	Nagpur	Expansion and upgradation of water supply distribution network in Nagpur city	3793.00	21.03.2006	May, 09
15.	Nagpur	Water Sector (Leak Detection)	329.77	21.03.2006	Dec., 08
16.	Nagpur	Water Audit Project	2500.00	21.03.2006	April, 10
17.	Nanded	Improvement to water supply in North Nanded	9087.00	31.07.2006	Oct., 08
18.	Nanded	Water Supply to Nanded (South)	4945.00	25.08.2006	Oct., 08
19.	Nashik	Ongoing works of Water Supply Projects	5052.00	10.11.2006	Dec., 09
20.	Ajmer-Pushkar	Water Supply Distribution for Ajmer and Pushkar	16642.00	28.12.2007	Dec., 11
21.	Chennai	Improvements to Water Supply System in Chennai	32200.00	24.11.2006	Dec., 09

1	2	3	4	5	6
22.	Chennai	Providing Water Supply and Sewerage System infrastructures along IT corridor in Chennai (7 packages)	4177.00	22.12.2006	April, 08
23.	Chennai	Improvement of water supply to Porur Town Panchayat	1235.79	18.05.2007	May, 08
24.	Chennai	Improvement of water supply to Maduravoil	2330.00	20.07.2007	Oct., 08
25.	Chennai	Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme for Avadi Municipality	10384.00	26.10.2007	March, 10
26.	Chennai	Ullagaram Puzhthivakka Municipality Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme	2424.00	23.11.2007	Sept., 09
27.	Chennai	Nerkundram Village Panchayat Improvement of Water Supply	1917.00	18.01.2008	Nov., 09
28.	Madurai	Water Supply to Madurai Corporation Improvement Works & System Improvement (Phase-I and Phase-II)	5931.60	14.07.2006	Jan., 09
29.	Madurai	Thirupparankundram Municipality DPR for combined water supply scheme to Thiruppakundram Municipaltiy and Harveypatty Town Panchayat	969.57	08.01.2007	Nov., 08
30.	Madurai	Anaiyur Municipality DPR on Water Supply Scheme to Anaiyur Municipality	788.00	05.03.2007	To be completed within the Mission Period (2005-2012)
31.	Allahabad	Water Supply Component of Allahabad city	8969.00	06.08.2007	To be completed within the Mission Period (2005-2012)
32.	Kanpur	Water Supply Scheme for inner old area of Kanpur city Vol I and II	27094.89	26.10.2007	To be completed within the Mission Period (2005-2012)
33.	Lucknow	Water Supply Works of Lucknow (Phase I Part I Vol. I to V)	38861.00	07.09.2007	Sept., 10
34.	Meerut	Water supply for Meerut city	27301.00	11.01.2008	Jan., 10
35.	Haridwar	Water Supply reorganisation scheme (Part I) (Zone A and B)	4784.43	28.01.2008	Jan., 11
36.	Asansol	7 MGD WTP together with reservoir, distribution system and other allied works	2878.00	28.06.2006	March, 08

1	2	3	4	5	6
37.	Asansol	42 MLD Water Supply Project in Raniganj under Asansol Urban Area, West Bengal	3627.00	25.10.2006	Oct., 09
38	Asansol	22.7 MLD Water Supply Project in Jamuria under Asansol Urban Area, West Bengal	1453.00	25/10/2006	Oct., 09
39.	Asansol	Water Supply Scheme for Asanol Municipal Corporation	8982.96	22/02/2007	To be completed within the Mission Period (2005-2012)
40.	Kolkata	Water supply scheme for Baruipur Municipality	951.86	22/02/2007	Sept., 09
41.	Kolkata	Water supply scheme for added areas of Howrah Municipal Corporation	9068.91	18/05/2007	Nov., 10
42.	Kolkata	Development and Management of Water Supply and Sewerage System at Sector V under Naba Diganta Industrial Township Authority	2606.62	28/12/2007	Sept., 09
43.	Kolkata	24x7 water supply scheme for Chandannagore Municipal Corporation I	2521.87	08/02/2008	Feb., 10
44.	Kolkata	Water supply for Barrackpore North Barrackpore Municipal Area Kolkata	12950.88	11/01/2008	March., 11
		TOTAL : (Rs. in lakhs)	**383214.15**		

SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Sir, I have studied the statement of the hon. Minister. Millions of Indians living in our cities and villages lack access to safe drinking water. While this programme to provide assistance to cities to provide 24 hours drinking water is a good one, Iwould like to press the hon. Minister on this issue a little further. Sir, I believe there is a need to have a re-look at the whole structure of drinking water supplies. The critical issues are three. One is availability, the second is costs and pricing, and third is that of quality. Therefore, my first supplementary is the following: Given the increasing occurrence of water-borne diseases like Cholera or Gastroenteritis outbreaks as a consequence of contaminated drinking water in Bangalore, Bombay, and even recently, in December, in Thattankulam in North Chennai, could the hon. Minister please explain what is the structural and strategy shift he proposes to address this pressing and very shameful problem?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I share the sense of urgency in the matter expressed by the hon. Member. With this objective in view, our Government launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Misssion way back in December 2005. It was conceived by our hon. Prime Minister. As you are aware, Sir, all these matters come under the purview of the State Governments. Even so, we did not want to neglect these areas. Under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, we are trying to give highest priority to drinking water. I agree with the hon. Member as to the consequences of the provision of unclean or inadequate water. We have been able to provide water on a large scale. We have been able to sanction schemes at a total approved cost of Rs. 7633 crores, which really comes to 35 per cent of the schemes sanctioned under the Mission.

SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Sir, my question was a very specific question on the safety of water, the quality of water, and not the availability of water. So, I did not quite get the answer that I wanted. Anyway, let me ask the second supplementary. What are the targets under the Eleventh Plan in terms of drinking water availability as a percentage of our total population? Also, in continuation, would the Minister consider a national policy on the pricing of water? For example, in Bangalore, the cost of production of water is about eighteen rupees per kilolitre while even the rich and the industrial customers pay only six rupees per kilolitre.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, when we provide assistance for drinking water, our objective is to provide continuous supply of quality water. That is the objective towards which we are all striving. As for the cost, Sir, the cost cannot be imposed uniformly. Different sections have to be charged differently. I agree with hon. Member that the more affluent sections should be charged more for drinking water, firstly, because they are able to pay, and secondly, because they consume more water. We, as part of the reform-linked Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, are urging the States' urban local bodies to collect enough charges, at least, for operation and maintenance.

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Sir, a list has been provided in the reply. I am sorry to find that not a single town or city from the North East has been included in this long list. Sir, I wish to raise the specific problem of my town, Barpeta. Data shows that the highest number of Cancer patients come from Barpeta in Assam. This is only due to the fact that clean drinking water is not available there. Will the hon. Minister include Barpeta town in the said list?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I agree with the hon. Member that towns of the North-East have not yet been covered, partly because of slow response from the States. We are urging the States to expedite the process. Barpeta town is not qualified to be in the list of Mission cities. However, if schemes are proposed, we will have Barpeta covered under UIDSMAT Scheme which is meant for small and medium towns.

SHRI PENUMALLY MADHU: I would like to ask from the Minister regarding the pricing of water. Is the Government contemplating to appoint a regulatory commission in this regard? It has appeared in some media reports that the Government is contemplating to appoint a regulatory commission and the prices may go up.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I would like to assure the hon. Member that we are not trying to increase the prices for the poorer sections. But, there is a need to charge more affluent sections more properly so as to cover the operation and maintenance expenses. As for the regulatory commission, I am not aware of it. It is not under our consideration; for the sake of drinking water.

श्री अमर सिंह: सभापति महोदय, पूरे देश में जल की उपलब्धता के बारे में मंत्री जी जानें, लेकिन चराग तले अंधेरा। दिल्ली देश की राजधानी है और वर्ल्ड बैंक की हाल की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार दिल्ली का ही वाटर मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम खस्ता हाल है और उसमें लीकेज से 40 प्रतिशत पानी बर्बाद हो जाता है। दिल्ली के वाटर मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम में लीकेज से, जंग लगे पाइप्स के कारण 40 प्रतिशत पानी बर्बाद हो जाता है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि देश की राजधानी में वाटर मैनेजमेंट का जो यह हाल है और यह वर्ल्ड बैंक की रिपोर्ट है, तो क्या आपको वर्ल्ड बैंक की इस रिपोर्ट के बारे में संज्ञान है? अगर है तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि देश की राजधानी में जो जंग लगी पाइप्स हैं और 40 प्रतिशत जल की आपूर्ति, जो लीकेज में बह जाती है, उसको रोकने के लिए मंत्री महोदय क्या कर रहे हैं?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I will not be able to confirm the statistics of the hon. Member. However, I should concede that the quality of water made available in Delhi, which is the capital of our country, or elsewhere is not satisfactory. I agree with him. Therefore, this Mission's programmes are being designed not only to improve the supply but also to improve the quality of water. I am sure, in due course, salutary impact will be felt.

श्री अमर सिंह: सर, यह वर्ल्ड बैंक की रिपोर्ट है और हमने जो संदर्भित किया है, इसको आप पता करके बताने की कृपा करें।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I will check up and come back to the Members

'ग्रीन इंडिया अभियान'

*208. **श्री ललित किशोर चतुर्वेदी:** ††
डा॰ ज्ञान प्रकाश पिलानिया:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार जलवायु परिवर्तन से निपटने की रणनीति को लागू करने के लिए 'ग्रीन इंडिया' अभियान चला रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य एवं ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में प्रोसोपिस जूलीफ्लोरा (विलायती बबूल) के अंधाधुंध वृक्षारोपण से वनों का पर्यावरण असंतुलित हो गया है जिसका प्रभाव वनों में वन्यजीव और वनौषधियों में लगातार कमी के रूप में दिख रहा है; और

(घ) क्या 'ग्रीन इंडिया' अभियान के अंतर्गत राज्य में वृक्षारोपण में लगे वन अधिकारियों के साथ-साथ स्वयंसेवी एजेंसियों की मदद लेने की कोई योजना है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस॰ रघुपति): (क) से (घ) एक विवरण सदन के पटल पर रखा है।

विवरण

(क) और (ख) पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय को प्रतिपूरक वनीकरण निधि प्रबंधन और योजना प्राधिकरण (काम्पा) के अंतर्गत एकत्र धन का उपयोग देश के अवक्रमिक वनों के 6 मिलियन हैक्टेयर से भी अधिक क्षेत्र में दो चरणों में वृक्षारोपण करने का प्रस्ताव है। यह 'हरित भारत कार्यक्रम' के नाम से जाना जाता है। काम्पा के अंतर्गत एकत्र की गई धनराशि को 'हरित भारत कार्यक्रम' को आंशिक रूप से दी जा रही धनराशि के अलावा इसका मुख्यतया प्रतिपूरक वनीकरण के लिए अनुमोदित स्थल विशिष्ट स्कीमों, अप्राकृतिक पुनर्जीवन (पौधारोपण), प्रकृति की सहायता से पुनर्जीवन, वन प्रबंधन, संरक्षण, अवसंरचना विकास, वन्यजीव संरक्षण और प्रबंधन के लिए प्रयोग किया जाएगा। इन कार्यों से देश को हराभरा बनाने के अलावा जलवायु परिवर्तन के प्रतिकूल प्रभावों को कम करने में भी सहायता मिलेगी।

(ग) राजस्थान सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि राजस्थान में पिछले 10 वर्षों के दौरान कुछ रिफैक्टरी स्थलों को छोड़कर, जहां कुछ अन्य प्रजातियां भी नहीं उग पाई, के अलावा प्रोसोपिस जूलीफ्लोरा का रोपण नहीं किया गया है। प्रोसोपिस जूलीफ्लोरा जैवविविधता के संरक्षण के प्रति सहयोग देकर जैविक इंटरफिरेंस में बाड़ का काम करता है फिर भी कुछ ऐसे क्षेत्र हैं जहां पर यह पौधों और वन्यजीवों के लिए खतरा बना गया है। इसलिए उन क्षेत्रों से उसका उन्मूलन किया जा रहा है।

(घ) वन विभाग एजेंसियों की सहायता से प्रस्तावित 'हरित भारत कार्यक्रम' का कार्यान्वयन संयुक्त वन प्रबंधन के माध्यम से किया जाएगा।

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†† सभा में यह प्रश्न श्री/श्रीमती ललित किशोर चतुर्वेदी द्वारा पूछा गया।